

July 30, 2013

Mr. David Conroy, Air Branch Chief  
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Region 1, EPA New England  
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Re: 2012 Annual Evaluation of Connecticut's Inspection and Maintenance Program

Dear Mr. Conroy:

I am pleased to submit the enclosed *2012 Annual Evaluation of Connecticut's Inspection and Maintenance Program* (Report), which fulfills the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) requirements to provide an annual evaluations of a state's inspection and maintenance (I/M) program in accordance with 40 CFR 51.366.

This Report addresses data collected from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. It comports with requirements that have been established by the EPA and addresses the EPA's recommendation on the previous report, as outlined in the attached letter dated March 15, 2013. This Report compares and contrasts the testing results of the most recent year of testing, outlines the programmatic changes made during the past year, and includes the EPA requested information on diesel testing, although this last element is not a requirement. This Report is composed of three sections, including:

- An evaluation of the data;
- Appendix A, containing the EPA-provided checklist for the annual and biennial reports, identifying the data elements required to be included in this evaluation; and
- Appendix B, containing the 2012 data. The data are compiled in and correspond to the indexing system used in EPA's checklist.

The I/M program is an important part of Connecticut's Ozone Attainment Strategy. Connecticut's program, which dates back to 1983, has a long history of effectively reducing vehicle emissions and results in more emission reductions than any other emissions reduction strategy. Current estimates indicate that in 2010, this program would have provided approximately 19 of the 200 tons per day of air pollutant reductions that are included in Connecticut's 2008 Ozone Attainment Demonstration. Continued demonstration that this program maintains such significant and justifiable programmatic emission credits in MOVES is important as Connecticut evaluates options for a cost effective program for the future.

Mr. David Conroy

The Department of Motor Vehicles has been a critical partner in developing this report, as well as providing valuable review of the content. If you have any questions or comments regarding this Report or if the Department may be of any assistance in this matter, please contact Dr. Ellen Pierce at 860- 424-3412.

Yours truly,



Anne Gobin  
Bureau Chief

Attachments